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In order to promote steel can recycling activities in Japan, "Steel Can Recycling Annual Report" summarizes the situation of steel can recycling in the municipalities, the trends of recipients of steel can scrap, market forces for steel can scrap, etc. This is the fourteenth issue.

Our association decided to continue to promote our activities in order to establish recycle-based society and help much more people to improve their understanding of steel can recycling. We hope this report is useful for everyone.